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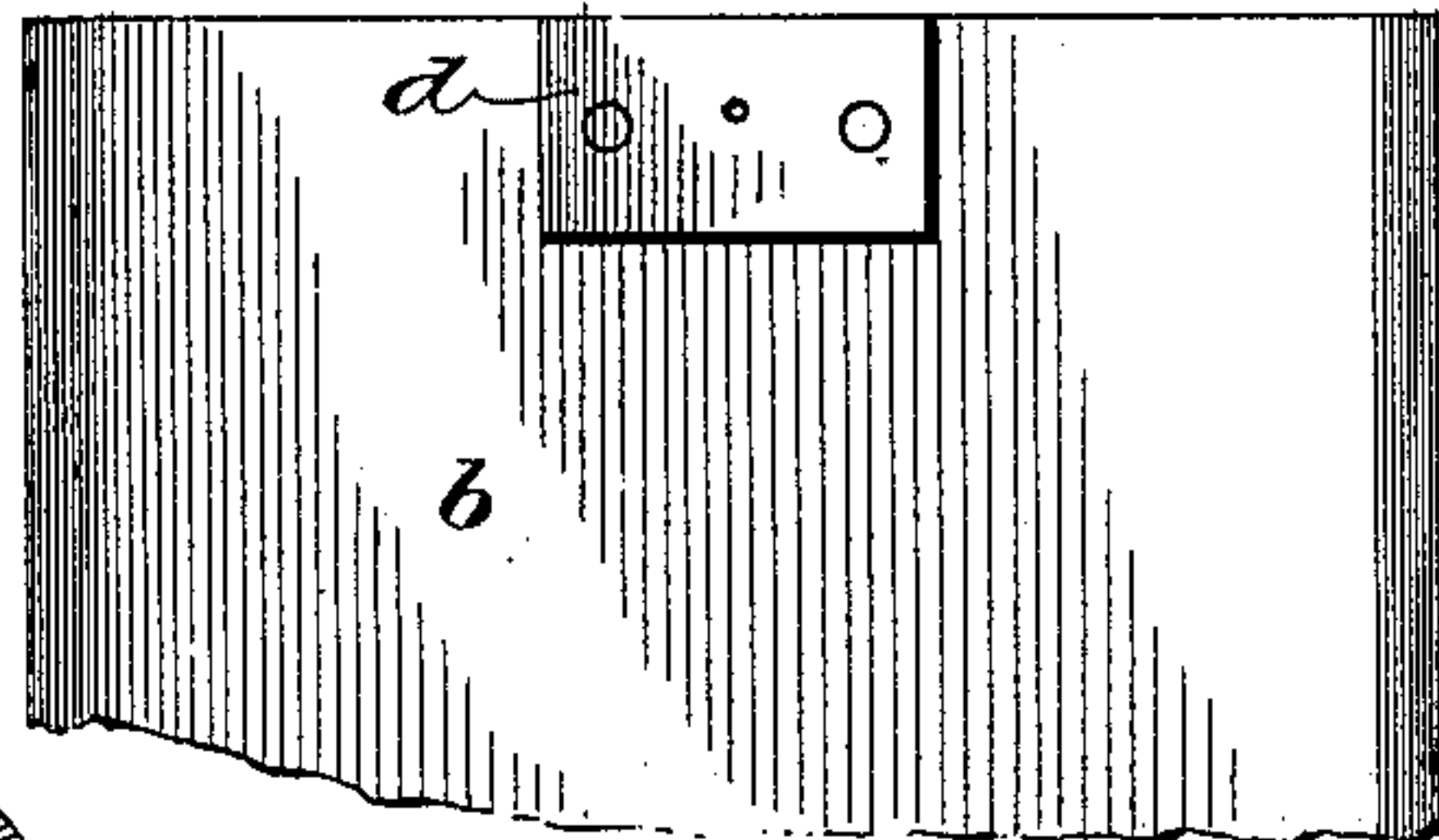


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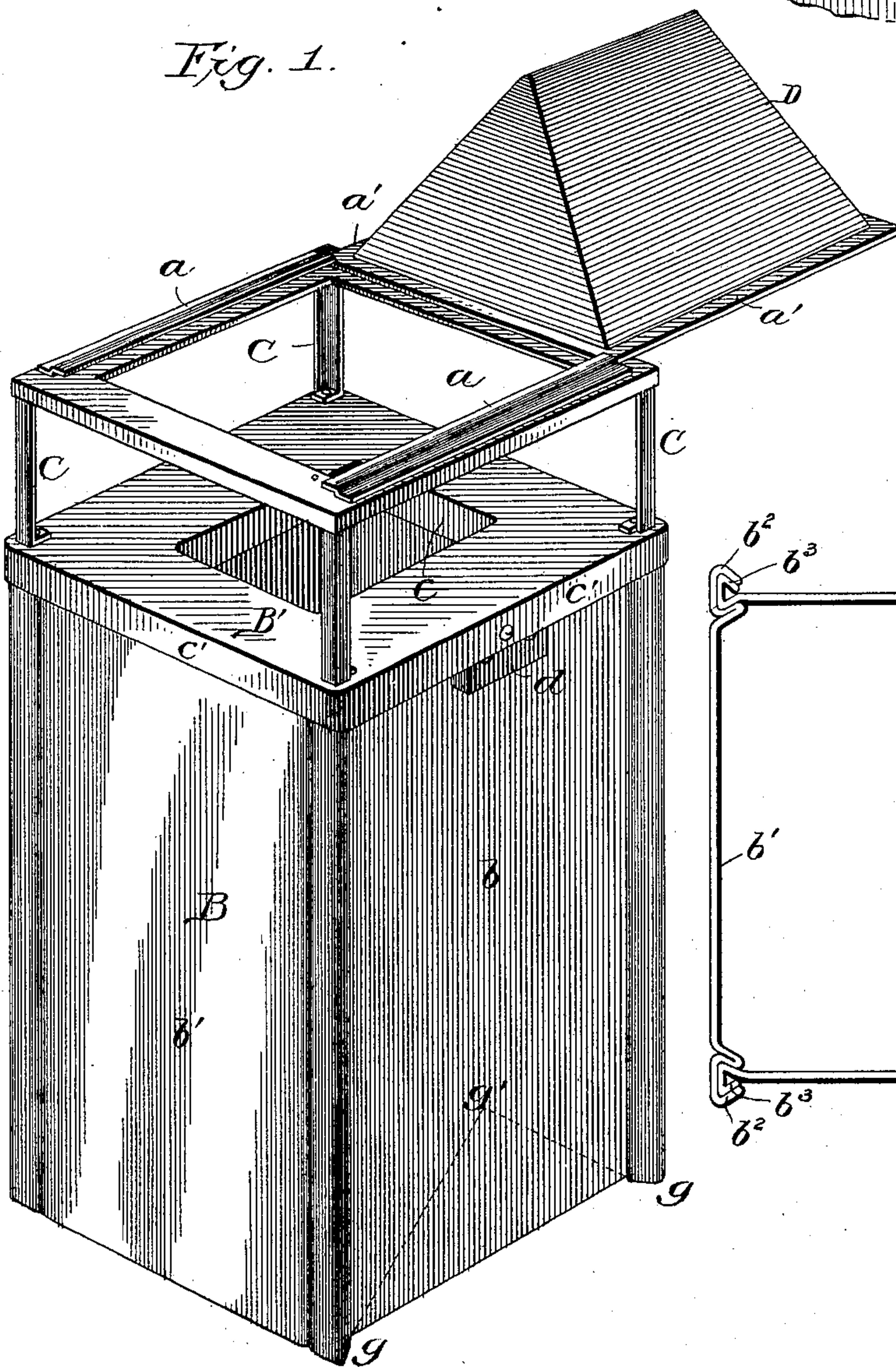
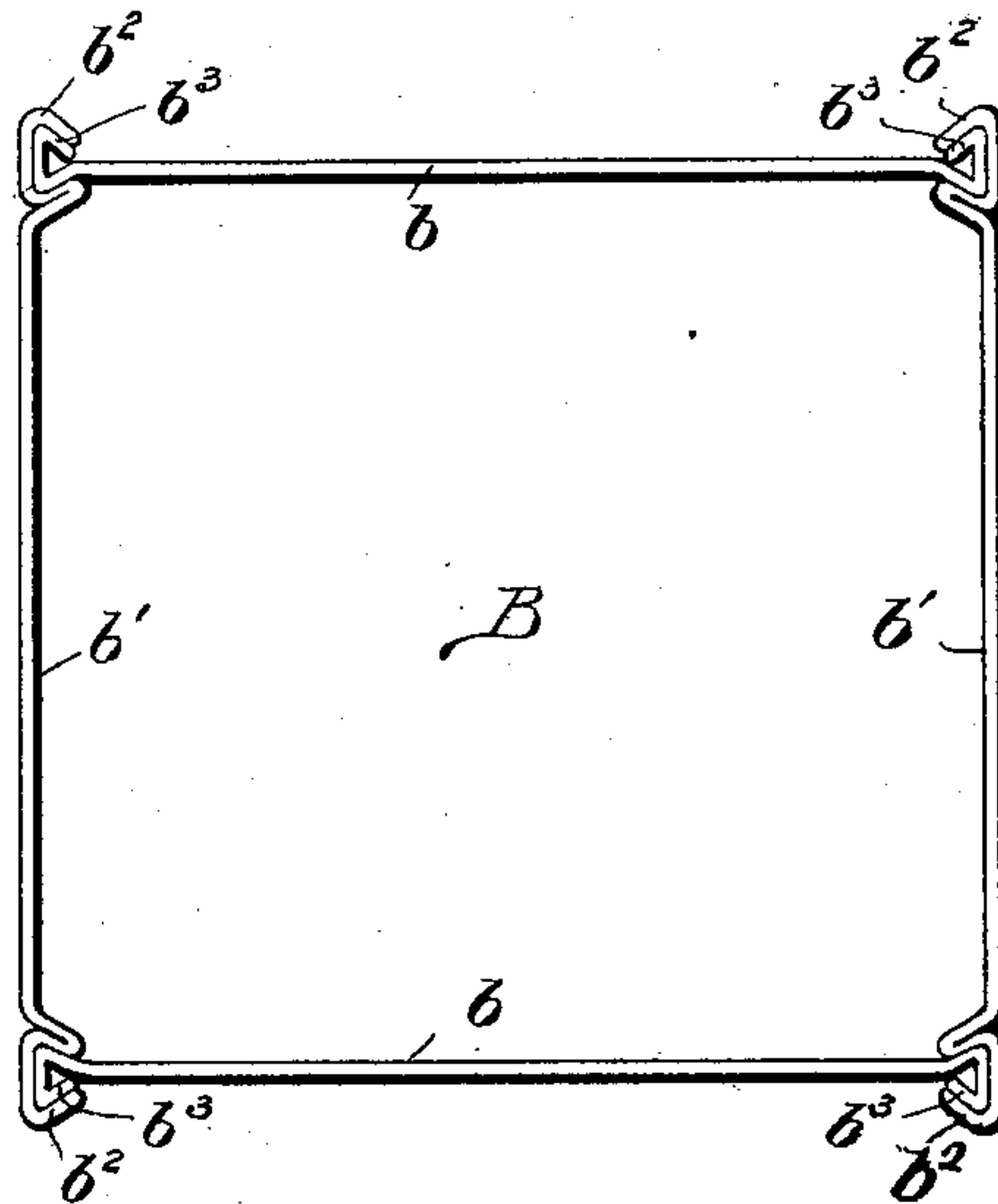


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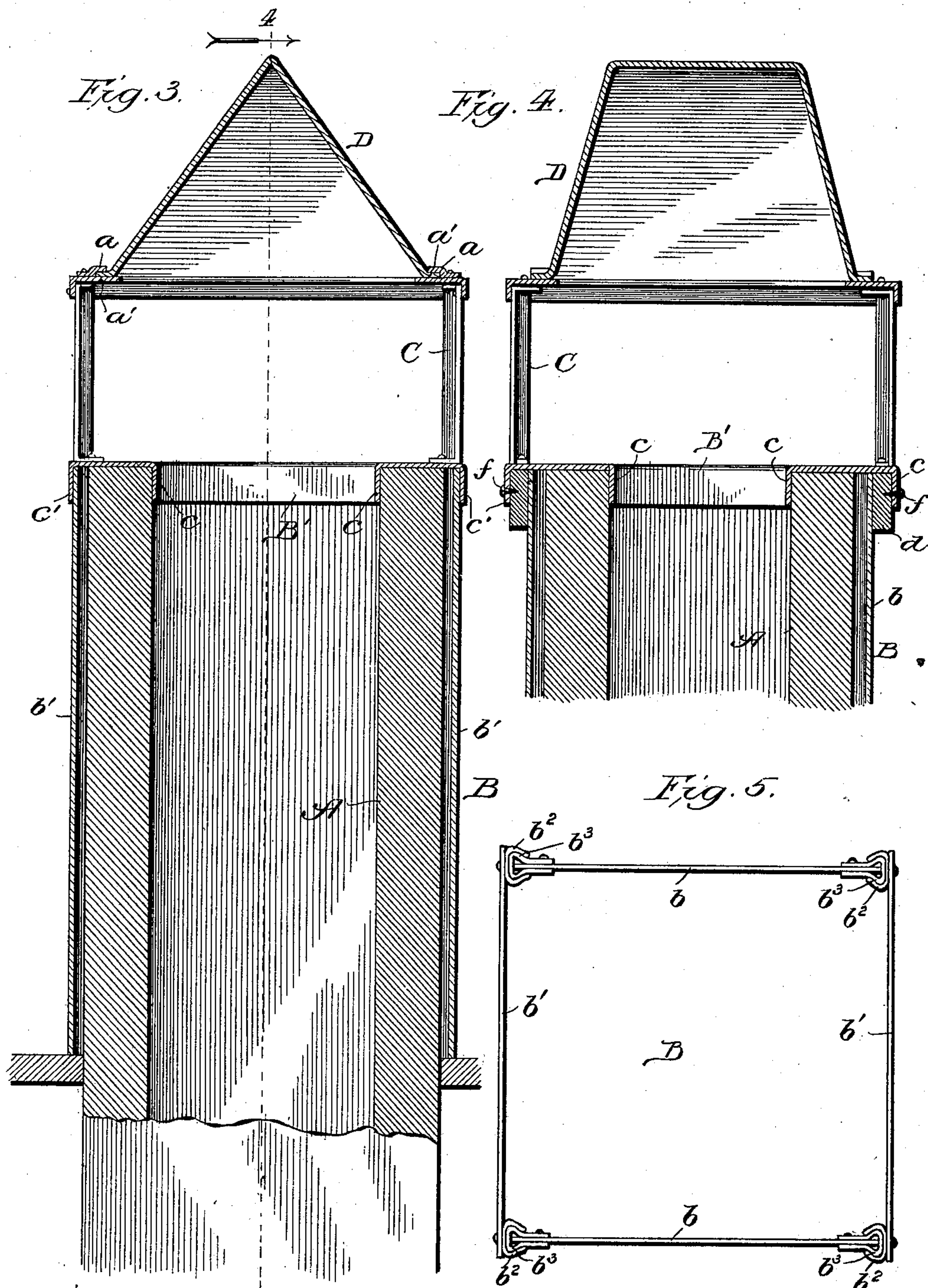
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS M. WITTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combined Chimney-Casing and Sign, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates particularly to a combined sign and chimney-casing; and my primary object is to provide means whereby the spaces of the chimney-surfaces may be utilized conveniently for sign purposes.

My invention is illustrated in its preferred form in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a separable casing, the top being partially removed to show the manner of its attachment; Fig. 2, a bottom plan view of the casing; Fig. 2<sup>a</sup>, a view of the outer surface of the upper portion of one side of the casing; Fig. 3, a vertical section showing the device applied to a chimney; Fig. 4, a broken section taken as indicated at line 4 of Fig. 3; and Fig. 5, a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing a modification of the construction of the body of the casing.

A represents a chimney; B, the body of a casing for the chimney; B', a hollow cap for the top of the chimney; C, a rectangular chair or support connected with the part B and provided on its upper surface with guide-flanges *a*, and D a cap-piece provided with flanges *a'*, which engage the guides *a*.

In the construction shown the body portion B comprises detachably-connected sides *b b'*. The sides *b'* are provided with channels *b<sup>2</sup>*, with which engage heads *b<sup>3</sup>* of the sides *b*. In Fig. 2 the channels *b<sup>2</sup>* are shown formed integrally with the sides *b'* and the heads *b<sup>3</sup>* are formed integrally with the sides *b*. In Fig. 5 the channels and heads are shown formed separate and attached to their respective parts by rivets. The part B' has an inner flange *c* and an outer flange *c'*, affording between them a channel which fits over the upper portion of the chimney, thereby protecting the upper course of bricks from rain and snow. The part C is rigidly connected with the part B' and is removable therewith. The upper portion of the body of the casing fits inside the outer flange of the member B',

as shown in Fig. 3. Blocks *d* are secured to the outer surface of the sides *b*, at the upper margins thereof, and said blocks are of just sufficient thickness to fill the space between the flat portion of the sides *b* and the adjacent flanged portion of the part B'. The part B' is detachably connected to the body portion of the casing by screws *f*.

It will be understood from the foregoing description that the part D may be removed by moving it along its guides, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The part B' may be detached by removing the screws *f*. Any side of the body of the casing may then be removed by moving it longitudinally upward. In Fig. 1 the dotted lines *g g'* illustrate the manner in which two sides of the casing may be notched or recessed where the casing is to be employed in connection with a chimney which rises from the ridge of a peaked-roof house.

It will now be understood that the part D and the panels forming the separable casing may be employed as signs and that when it is desired said parts or any of them may be removed and new parts supplied in their stead. Thus one panel may be employed for a given advertisement or number of advertisements for a certain length of time and may then be replaced by a similarly-constructed panel having a new advertisement or series of advertisements, the other panels remaining undisturbed. In practice the parts of the casing are formed of sheet metal and may be used many times over by supplying them with new lettering or sign characters.

Changes in details of construction within the spirit of my invention may be made.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A combined chimney-casing and sign, comprising a body portion, a cap having flanges embracing the upper margin of said casing and the upper margin of the inner wall of the chimney, and a cap-piece for the chimney-passage supported at some distance above the last-named member, substantially as described.

2. A combined chimney-casing and sign, comprising a body portion having two of its sides provided with vertically-disposed grooves and two of its sides provided with heads fitting said grooves said sides being re-

movable, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. A combined chimney-casing and sign, comprising a body portion fitting over the chimney, an annular cap having flanges embracing the upper margin of said body portion and the inner margin of the chimney-top, a chair supported on said last-named mem-

ber, and a top for the chimney-discharge removably connected with said chair, substantially as described.

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